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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A  
SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74083 WITH  
3M COGENT, INCORPORATED, FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE  
AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

**SUBJECT**

This letter provides advance notification to the Board that the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a Sole Source Amendment (Amendment) to Agreement Number 74083 (Agreement) with 3M Cogent, Incorporated (Contractor) for the continued maintenance and support of the Department's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which will add approximately \$4.5 million to the Maximum Contract Sum.

**PURPOSE**

The Amendment will extend the Agreement for two years, plus up to 12 additional months to continue the maintenance and support of AFIS, while the Department completes its solicitation for implementation of a replacement system. AFIS is a critical application customized to meet the specific needs of the Department. The Agreement expires on October 12, 2014.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On July 23, 2002, after a competitive solicitation, the County entered into an Agreement with the Contractor to develop a replacement of the Nippon Electric Company's AFIS that was in place at that time.

The current AFIS developed by the Contractor interfaces with the State of California's Department of Justice's Automated Fingerprint Identification System. AFIS is an integral part of the County's arrest and booking process. County law enforcement agencies conduct approximately 3,300 AFIS transactions daily. AFIS enables the Department to search and access fingerprint data, images, facilitate the timely identification of arrestees, and fingerprint images discovered at crime scenes. AFIS is also used to identify subjects for investigation, booking, and release purposes. The AFIS development and implementation specified in the original Agreement and subsequent amendments has been completed. The Agreement is currently in the maintenance and support phase.

The Agreement has been amended on 15 prior occasions to exercise the term extension options, update County and Contractor contact information, add new County mandated provisions, purchase additional equipment and services, and increase the Maximum Contract Sum.

## **FINANCING**

The Department will seek approval by the Remote Access Network (RAN) Board to fund the cost of the proposed Amendment through the AFIS Fund (Number 41079).

## **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

This Sole Source Amendment is necessary for the continuation of maintenance and support services of the existing AFIS, while the Department completes its solicitation and implementation of the subsequent replacement system. Currently the Department is in the process of completing the negotiations with the selected proposer.

AFIS is a proprietary system developed and supported by the Contractor. The Contractor does not license, certify, or otherwise endorse any third party to provide maintenance services to its proprietary AFIS technology.

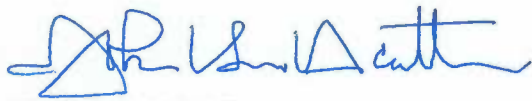
The Chief Information Officer has reviewed and concurs with this Sole Source approach.

**CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will proceed with Sole Source negotiations in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by the Board.

Should additional information be required, your staff may contact Contracts Manager Angelo Faiella, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and "S".

JOHN L. SCOTT  
SHERIFF